



Dear Colleagues,

Thank you for joining us for our Pandemic and All-Hazards Preparedness Act Stakeholder meeting on November 8 in Washington, DC. This important meeting included over 300 representatives from federal, state, tribal, territorial, and local governments, as well as the private sector, and non-governmental organizations and other interested individuals. We have posted materials from the meeting on our website at <http://www.hhs.gov/aspr/conference/pahpa/2007/>.

This stakeholder meeting gave us a unique opportunity to connect with you on a number of critical issues of national concern. Your engagement was valuable and constructive, and it helped to shed light on areas where we are succeeding in our mission, as well as on those areas where we can make improvements. We will consider your feedback as we further develop the National Health Security Strategy, incorporate additional provisions into our grant programs, and enhance other initiatives such as education and training, at-risk populations, and situational awareness.

As I noted during the meeting, we plan to continue to engage you as we move forward with the implementation of the statute. We cannot be successful unless we work together. I am eager to have more meetings to discuss progress, learn from you, share best practices, and connect with colleagues from around the country.

Thank you again for your participation in our meeting and in this process, and for all that you do every day to ensure that our nation is better prepared to respond in the event of a public health emergency.

Sincerely,

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